

Information Services Board Briefing Paper on the Justice Information Network (JIN)

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Description

The Justice Information Network is a consortium of state and local groups committed to improved access to justice information and the benefits associated with improved decision making at every step of the process and increased efficiency through the elimination of redundant data entry

Background

The Criminal Justice Information Act (CJIA) was enacted in 1984 to meet the conviction information requirements of the Sentencing Reform Act (SRA.) This law mandates a method of reporting and disseminating justice information in felony cases, and created the CJIA Executive Committee to review and develop recommendations for the development and modification of justice information systems. The Executive Committee is to be replaced by the Washington Integrated Justice Information Board (The Board), which was created by law this year to oversee justice integration efforts in the state.

The Board is comprised of:

- (a) A representative appointed by the Governor;
- (b) The Attorney General;
- (c) The chief of the State Patrol;
- (d) The secretary of the Department of Corrections;
- (e) The director of the Department of Licensing;
- (f) The Administrator for the Courts;
- (g) The director of the Office of Financial Management;
- (h) The director of the Department of Information Services;
- (i) The assistant secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services responsible for juvenile rehabilitation programs;
- (j) A sheriff appointed by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs;
- (k) A police chief appointed by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs;
- (l) A county legislative authority member appointed by the Washington State Association of Counties;
- (m) An elected county clerk appointed by the Washington Association of County Clerks;
- (n) A representative appointed by the Washington Association of City and County Information Systems;
- (o) Two representatives appointed by the judicial information system committee;
- (p) A representative appointed by the Association of Washington Cities; and
- (q) An elected prosecutor appointed by the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys.

The mission of the JIN is to ensure that justice practitioners in the State have complete, timely, and accurate information and to eliminate redundant data entry throughout the process. Although there have been efforts to facilitate interagency exchanges over the last decade, the Program Office of the JIN was established only recently. Its mission is to design the infrastructure needed to support integrated justice and to identify future resource requirements.

Status

The JIN Program Office was established in April 2003. The new law requires a report to the governor, the Supreme Court and the Legislature in 2004.

Issues

Schedule: One of the first tasks of the Program Office is to develop a proposed schedule of activities, to be submitted for approval by the Board in August. The current draft envisions developing a work plan and establishing an operating structure and proposed project portfolio by August 2003; and redesigning the JIN website by October 2003.

Budget/Cost: The JIN Program Office has no budget. All funding must come from grants or interagency collaboration. Detailed resource requirements are in development. It is anticipated that a formal request to the Legislature for funding will be a key product of the September 2004 report.



Justice Information Network Strategic Plan

Improve Business Operations

- Better workflow.
- Data captured at the source
- Improved customer service
- Strategic planning

Improve Public Safety

- Access to information at one time from multiple sources
- Improved analysis capabilities.
- Better decisions
- Fewer missed opportunities

Leverage Information Technology

- Share infrastructure
- Use national standards.
- Minimize data processing costs and resource requirements

Implement JIN Applications

- Summary Offender Profile
- Electronic Judgment & Sentencing
- Jail Booking and Reporting System
- Electronic Dispositions

Build Information Exchanges

- Middleware
- Indexing
- Logistics

Create Technology Infrastructure

- ❖ System Architecture
- ❖ Data Standards

Establish Governance Structure

- ❖ Justice Information Board
- ❖ Program Office

Implementation Order